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In Re the Application of:

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REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN  
MINES"

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: Price, Richard Thomas Jr.

RESPONSE TO  
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated August 26, 2002, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-8 and Claims 27-36 were distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 1-8 (Group I) in this patent application. However, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue Claims 27-36 (Group II) in a subsequent divisional/continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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